

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:     Rice et al

For                             :     Method and Apparatus For Welding and  
Control Thereof

Attorney Docket No. :     ITW 13128.02

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of  
Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D. C.   20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to the issuance of the first Office Action please  
amend the above-referenced application as follows:

Amendments to the Specifications begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims  
which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page /0  
of this paper.